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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

ALL-OUT THRILLS! SPIDEY,
FLASH AND RAZORBACK
TRAPPED BY THE
MAN-BEAST AND HIS--

FINAL RAGE!



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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THE FINAL RAGE!

MOMENTS AGO, "SPIDER-MAN, RAZORBACK, AND FLASH THOMPSON THOUGHT THEY FACED A MORE-OR-LESS MORTAL FOE WHO WORE THE MASK OF THE HATE-MONSTER. NOW, THAT MASK HAS BEEN TORN AWAY, AND SUDDENLY, IN THIS SUB-CORRIDOR OF YONKERS STADIUM, OUR HEROES FEEL --

FOOLS!
HOW DARE YOU
ATTEMPT TO
CHALLENGE
ME?!

--THE UNHUMAN
MATE FORCE
OF THE BEING
CALLED --
**MAN-
BEAST!**


FOR I AM
MANKIND'S
PRIMORDIAL
FEAR COME
TO LIFE!

I AM
EVIL
INCARNATE!

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*OR LAST ISSUE NON-MARVEL
TIME --ACCOUNTABLE ARCHIE.

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IT HITS LIKE A RIPTIDE...
DRIVES THEM BEFORE IT
LIKE A TIDAL WAVE!

WE'RE
HEADED FOR...
A WALL!

RAZORBUCK'S
COSTUME HAS PADDING...
HE CAN TAKE THE IMPACT!
BUT FLASH HAS NO
IT...! UNLESS--

--I PULL HIM IN FRONT
OF ME...! SHIELD
HIS BODY WITH MINE!

AGH!! WE'RE
HITTING SO HARD!
WAS IT ENOUGH
TO SAVE HIM?!

LORDY, WALL-CRAWLER!
I-I AIN'T NEVER
FELT ANYTHING--

I LET FLASH COME
TO HELP RESCUE
HIS GIRL, SHA SHAN...!
I CAN'T LET
HIM DIE!

--L-LIKE
THWIISSSS!!

BUMPHOOM!

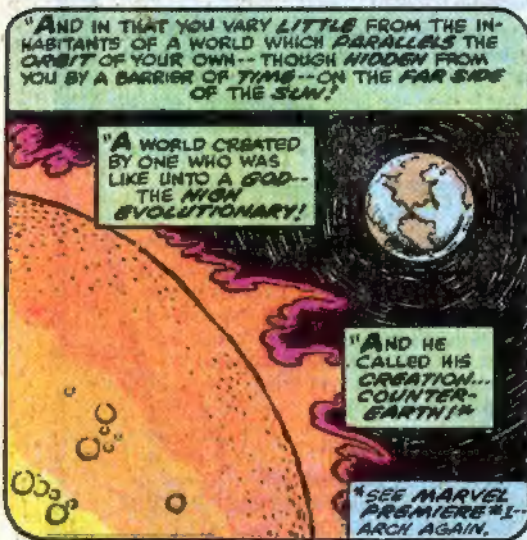
B-BUFORD... FLASH...!
BOTH OUT... OR
WORSE! NOW
THE MAN-BEAST
IS... COMING
FOR ME--

--AND I HURT TOO
MUCH TO MOVE!

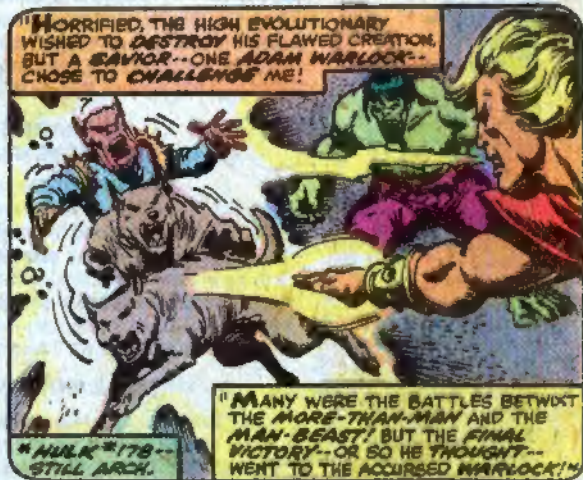
INCREDIBLE!
SPIDER-MAN
STILL LIVES!

HE AND HIS FRIENDS SURVIVE BECAUSE
I HAVE PLANS FOR THEM.

THEY ARE GOING TO PLAY
A MAJOR ROLE IN THE
LEGION OF LIGHT RALLY MY
SERVANT BROTHER POWER
IS CONDUCTING IN THE
STADIUM ABOVE US!



"HE SOUGHT TO CREATE A PARADISE ON THIS NEW WORLD, BUT-- AS HE SLEPT-- EVIL APPEARED IN THE FORM OF... MYSELF!



"HE TURNED ME BACK INTO THE ANIMAL FORM FROM WHICH THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY HAD LONG AGO FREED ME!



"BUT, DESPITE HIS DEPARTURE, WARLOCK HAD LEFT A WORLD ON ITS GUARD AGAINST A FUTURE RESURGENCE OF EVIL!"

"I KNEW THAT, FOR A TIME, I MUST FIND OTHER WORLDS TO CONQUER! AND SO, I USED MY ABILITY TO ASSUME HUMAN GUISE WORKING TOWARD A GOAL..."

"THIS WILL BE A HISTORIC FLIGHT, COMMANDER!"

"INDEED IT WAS..."

"THE UNWITTING FOOLS HAD LAUNCHED THEIR GREATEST FOE--FOR I WAS THAT ASTRONAUT TO FREEDOM!"

"FOR MONTHS-- 'DISGUISED'-- I HAVE LABORED TO ALTER THE SHIP'S CONTROLS TO PIERCE THE TIME-LAG BARRIER THAT SEPARATES COUNTER-EARTH--"

--FROM THE ORIGINAL EARTH! AT LAST, I AM FREE TO WREAK MY EVIL--

"--ON THE VERY WORLD OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S BIRTH!"

"I USED WESTERN VIETNAM AS MY LANDING SITE, REASONING THAT THE STRIFE WOULD HIDE MY ARRIVAL..."

"AND SO IT DID..."

"...EXCEPT FOR ONE POWER-LUSTING SMUGGLER... ACHMED KOBBA!"

"EASILY WILLINGLY HE FELL IN WITH MY PLANS AND DESIRES, ENABLING ME TO GAZE HIM..."

"...AS BROTHER POMBE WHO WOULD USE THE PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS LEGION OF LIGHT TO ATTEMPT THE WORLD FOR MY COMING!"

"AND, WEDDED TO SUNNIE--SISTER SUN-- HIS POWER DEPENDENT ON HER DISGUSTING RADIANCE-- HE COULD NEVER GROW STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT ME!!"

IT AMUSED ME TO SECRETLY WEAR THE MANTLE OF THE HATE-MONGER WHILE BROTHER POWER WON CONQUEST FOR ME IN THE NAME OF LOVE!

BUT THE TIME FOR GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS IS OVER... JUST AS YOUR LIFE SO NEARLY IS, SPIDER-MAN!

SUNNIE STRENGTH'S RETURNING... BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!

*DOTS3
4/6--ARCH.



I SAID YOU WOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN TODAY'S EVENTS...IT BEGINS NOW, ARACHNID!

THE TRUSTING FOOLS AT THE RALLY ABOVE ARE REACHING FEVER-PITCH AS KORBA SPURS THEM ON! FOR THEIR LOVE TO TWIST TO HATRED...ONLY A FOCUS IS REQUIRED!

YOU WILL PROVIDE THAT FOCUS, HUMAN-- FOR THE CEILING SUPPORTS PART OF THE CROWD STANDS UPON!



WHEN IT COLLAPSES-- KILLING HUNDREDS OF YOUR FELLOW-HUMANS-- AND THEY FIND YOUR CRUSHED BODY IN THE RUBBLE BELOW--

--YOU WILL BE BLAMED AND HATRED WILL CONSUME THEM, AND THEY SHALL READILY SUCCEED TO MY WILL!

YOUR MASK GREAT MENTOR?

NO! ONLY YOU OF MY LOYAL INNER CIRCLE HAVE SEEN MY FACE... THAT MUST NOW CHANGE!



NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A SPIDER-MAN!

KKRRRR

C-CEILING'S GIVING WAY WHERE HE BLASTED IT! AND THE FALLING RUBBLE IS SEALING US IN!

ADRENALIN'S PUMPING... MY POWER'S COMING BACK! I COULD GET FLASH AND RAZORBACK OUT--



--BUT THAT DOESN'T LEAVE TIME TO SAVE THE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WHO'LL BE KILLED WHEN THE STADIUM FLOOR COLLAPSES!

GOT TO BRACE MYSELF AGAINST THE MAIN SUPPORT BEAM! HOLD IT UP AS LONG AS I CAN--



"--AND HOPE THE CROWD ABOVE GETS AWAY FROM THE DANGER AREA BEFORE MY SUPER-STRENGTH GIVES WAY--AND THE WHOLE THING DROPS!"

L-O-RD! WHAT--WHAT'S HAPPENING?

EARTH-QUAKE! IT'S GOTTA BE!

BROTHER POWER! DO SOMETHING! SAVE US!

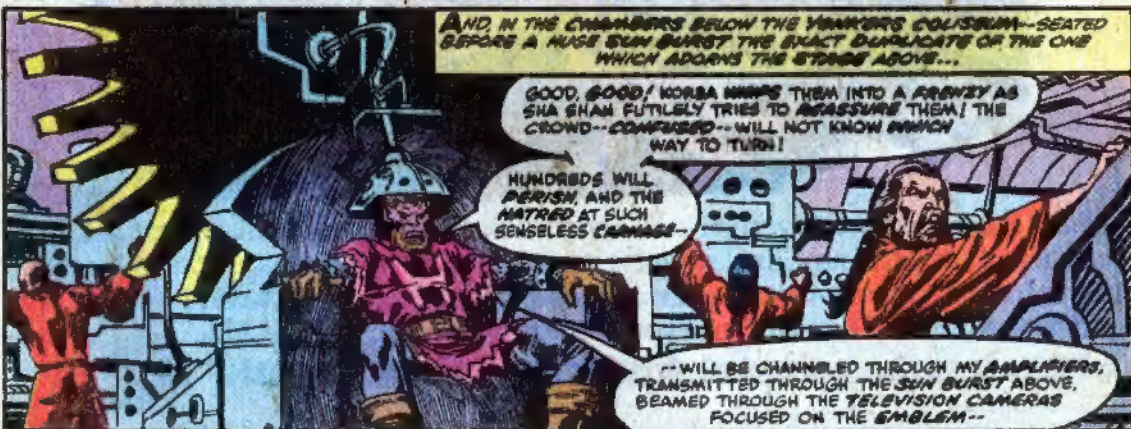
EAT CRACKS

...WHEN ACHMED KORBA'S VERY MISSION IS TO FUEL THE FLAMES OF PANIC AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

DO YOU SEE? THE ENEMIES OF LOVE SEEK TO DESTROY OUR MOVEMENT! THEY SEEK DEATH--WHERE WE OFFER LIFE!

ACHMED, THEY NEED GUIDANCE--NOT ANARCHY--OR THEY WILL NEVER REACH SAFETY!

SLOWLY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! EVACUATE THE AREA! DO NOT PANIC!



MEANWHILE...

EVERYTHING IS CAVING IN-- THIS WHOLE SECTION OF FIELD!

THIS IS NO ACCIDENT, MY FOLLOWERS! SEEK OUT THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY US, BROTHERS--

--AND DESTROY THEM FIRST!

ACHMED, BY ALL THAT'S HOLY-- STOP STAMPEDING THEM FURTHER!

SHA SHAN SEEKS TO STEM THE MOUNTING HYSTERIA! SHE WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO HOLD TOGETHER A BURSTING DAM!

FOR, ONCE THE WHEEL OF HATE IS SET IN MOTION-- NO FORCE ON EARTH CAN HOPE TO STOP IT!

TODAY THE EARTH-- TOMORROW COUNTER-EARTH WILL FALL TO THE MAN-BEAST!

AND THE ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO MIGHT CHALLENGE THAT--

--ALREADY HAS HIS HANDS FULL, EVEN THOUGH HELP HAS ARRIVED!

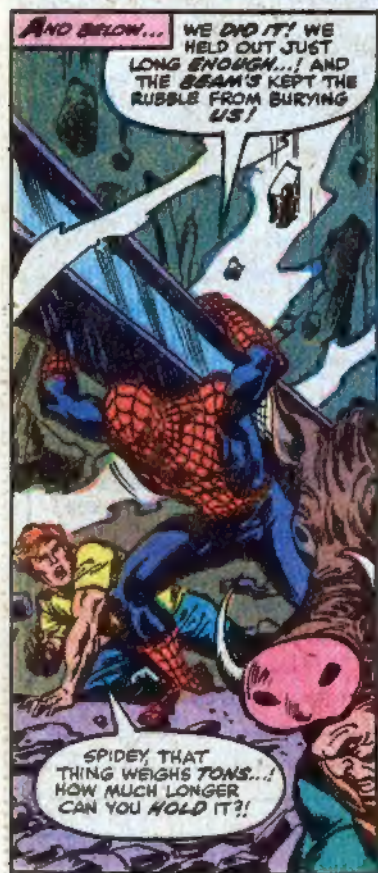
I--I COULDN'T HAVE HELD IT ALONE MUCH LONGER!

YA SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO, GOOD BUDDY! IT WAS DOWNRIGHT UNSPORTSMANLIKE OF ME T'GO AN' DOZE OFF--

BUT BUFORD'S REASSURANCE MASKS REAL CONCERN, FOR ADDING HIS STRENGTH TO SPIDEY'S CAN ONLY DELAY THE INEVITABLE!

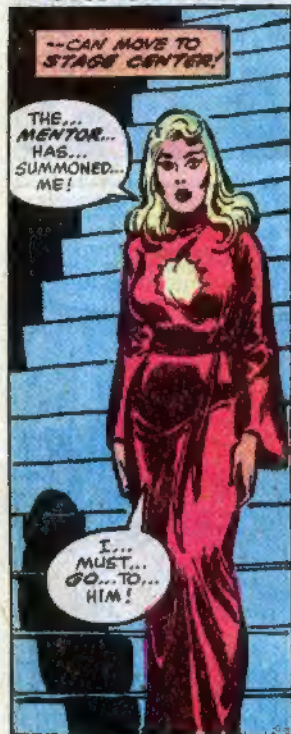
--LEAVIN' YOU TO SHOULDER THE WHOLE SHEBANG!

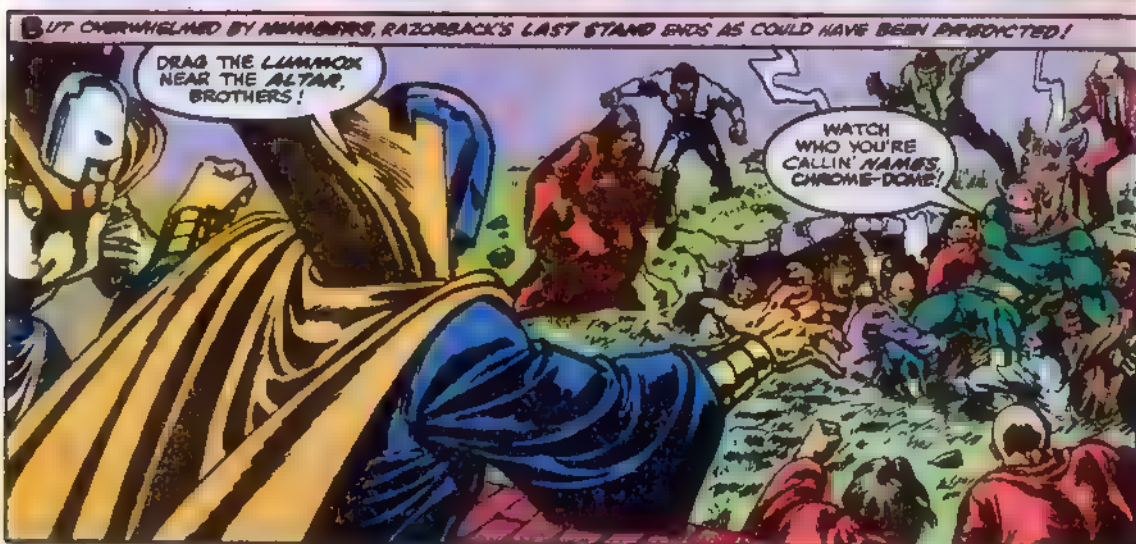
AND, AT THE RATE SPIDEY'S SLIPPING, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF SECONDS BEFORE...





BUT DESTINY HAS A STRANGE SENSE OF THE DRAMATIC, IN WHICH EVEN THE MOST INSIGNIFICANT OF PLAYERS--SUCH AS RAZORBACK'S SISTER, BOBBY SUE HOLLIS--





WHAT HAPPENS NEXT WILL BE DESCRIBED
A MILLION DIFFERENT WAYS BY A
MILLION DIFFERENT PEOPLE! THE
CROWD IN THE STADIUM...THE VAST
TELEVISION AUDIENCE--

--ALL WILL REPORT A REAWAKENING
OF THEIR DARKEST NIGHTMARES,
OF FEELING BOILED, ASHAMED--
AND OF SENSING AN ODOR NOT
UNLIKE...BRYMSTONE!

M-MY
GOD...!

YES!
THE MENTOR!
HE COMES!

THE MAN-
BEAST!
BUT...WHAT
HAPPENED TO
SPIDEY?!

NO!
NO!

AND, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, MANY WILL
WONDER IF THEY WILL EVER FEEL CLEAN AGAIN!

FOR IN EVERY MIND THEN THERE PULSATES THE MESSAGE OF THE MAN-BEAST!

HATE...
KILL ALL WHO
DO NOT BELIEVE!

YES!
KILL
THEM!

FEED ON MY HATE, YOU
MINDLESS CATTLE! CRUSH
ALL WHO REJECT MY
FAITH!

LEEROO
O' ME, YA
BOZOS!

WHAT--WHAT
ARE YOU SAYING?

THIS ISN'T THE
WAY OF LOVE--
OF LIGHT!

WHO
CARES?!

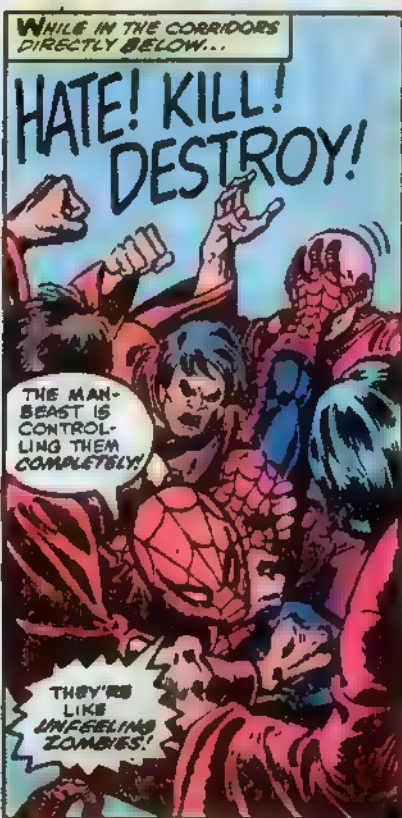
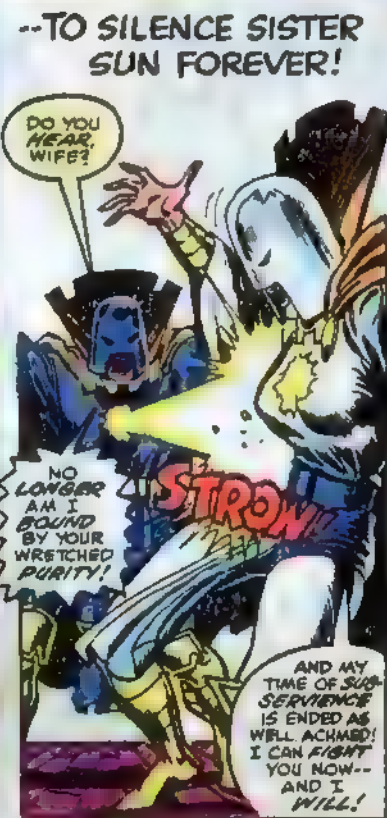
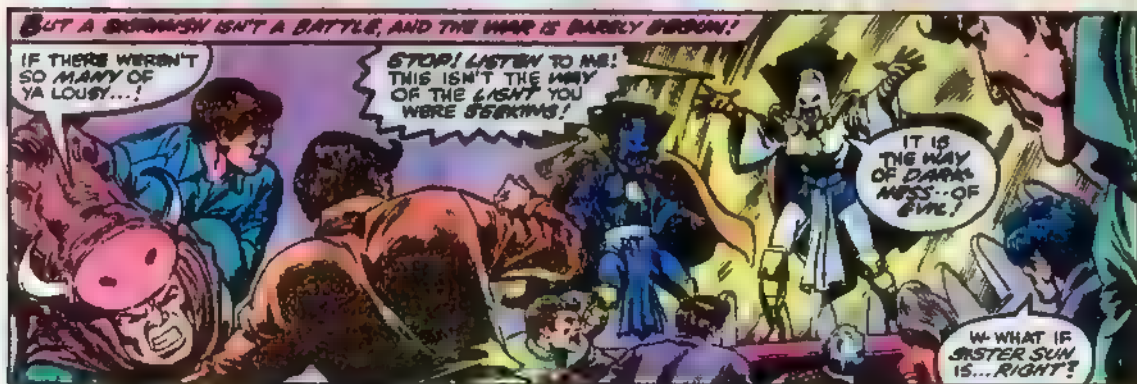
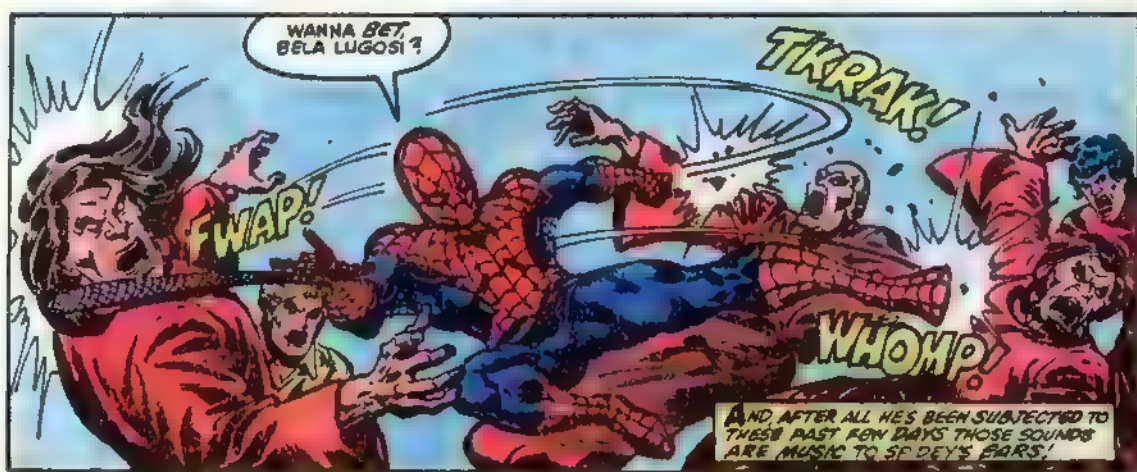
WE'VE GOT
TO CRUSH ALL
WHO WOULD DE-
STROY THE MENTOR
AND US!

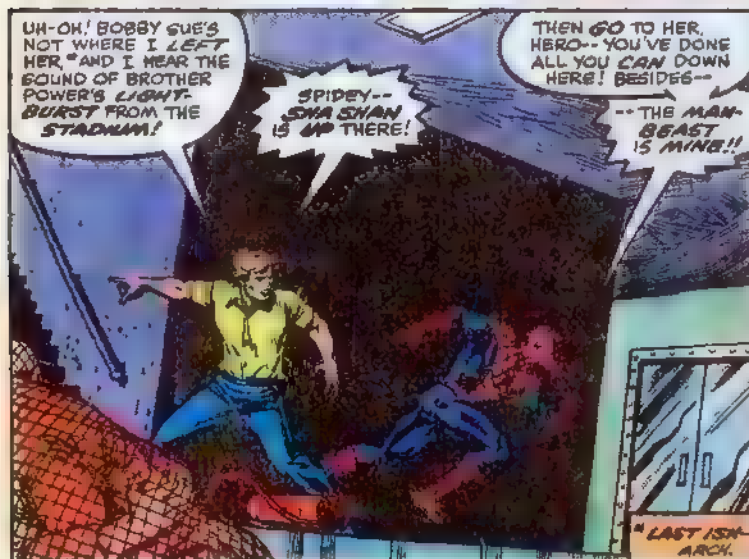
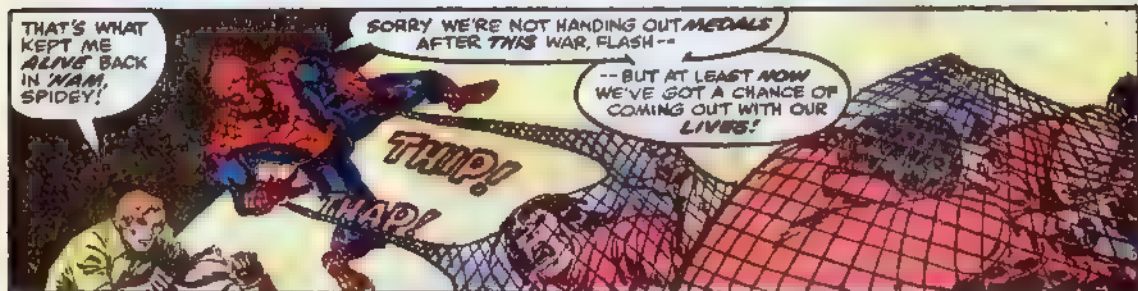
NOT EVERY MIND IN THE ASSEMBLED MULTITUDE ACCEPTS THE MAN-BEAST'S MESSAGE, THOUGH THERE ARE
ENOUGH-- ENOUGH SURELY TO CARRY THE DAY!

WHILE, IN THE MAZE OF
CORRIDORS BENEATH
THE COLISEUM...

HEADS UP, FLASH! MORE
OF THE MAN-BEAST'S MOONY-
EYED MINIONS! WE MUST BE
GETTING CLOSE TO FUR-
FACE HIMSELF!

YOU...
WILL...GO...
NO...
FURTHER...
INTRUDERS!





--THE RAGE OF THE MAN-BEAST!

HATE!

KILL! OBEY NO WILL
BUT MINE! THINK
NO THOUGHTS BUT
MINE! HATE!
HATE!

WHY
DON'T YOU
FALL,
WOMAN--
WHY?

SKROW!

SHA
SHAN!

I WAS LED
TO THIS
MOMENT TO
RESIST,
ACHMED! AND
RESIST I
SHALL--

--UNTIL
I DIE!

YOU TELL
HIM, LADY--AM'
IF YOU HOLD
OUT, SO CAN OL'
BURFORD
HOLLIS!

BRAVE WORDS, BUT SPOKEN IN DESPERATION AS THE POWER OF HATE SWIRLS AND OVERWHELMS, WHILE IN THE CHAMBER BELOW--

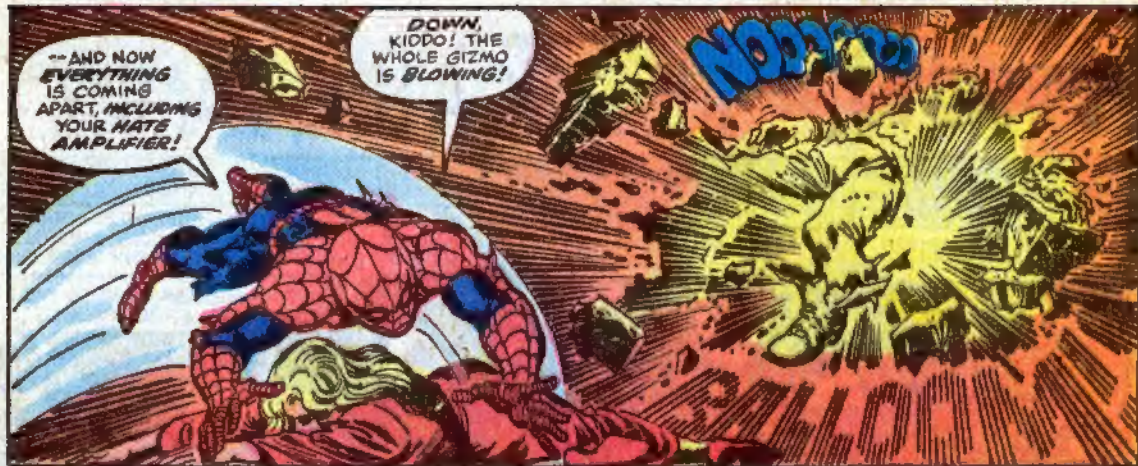
MAN-
BEAST!

YOU ARE
TOO LATE,
SPIDER-
MAN!

TOO LATE FOR
EVERYTHING--

KWOOM!

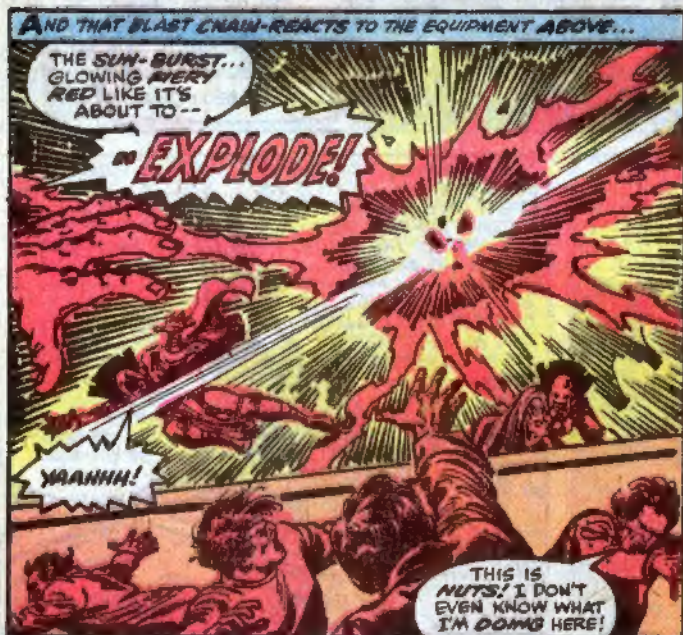




--AND NOW
EVERYTHING
IS COMING
APART, INCLUDING
YOUR HATE
AMPLIFIER!

DOWN,
KIDDO! THE
WHOLE GIZMO
IS BLOWING!

BOOM!



THE SUN-BURST...
GLOWING VERY
RED LIKE IT'S
ABOUT TO--

EXPLODE!

YAAHHH!

THIS IS
NUTS! I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING HERE!



WHY'D YOU LET HIM
BLAST YOU, SHA SHAM?
YOU HAVE THE POWER
OF THE LIGHT AS WELL
AS HE DID! WHY DIDN'T
YOU FIGHT BACK?

I-- I DID, FLASH--
WITH MY HEART!
I HOPED TO THE
LAST THAT ACHMED
WOULD SEE THE
LIGHT--

-- BUT THE
EVIL WITHIN
HIM WAS TOO
STRONG! HE
DESTROYED
HIMSELF!

YET IT IS A PYRRHIC VICTORY INDEED-- ONE THAT LEAVES THE TASTE OF ASHES IN THE MOUTHS OF THE VICTORS--
AND THE FURTIVE FEEL OF SHAME IN THE MINDS OF THE SAVED!



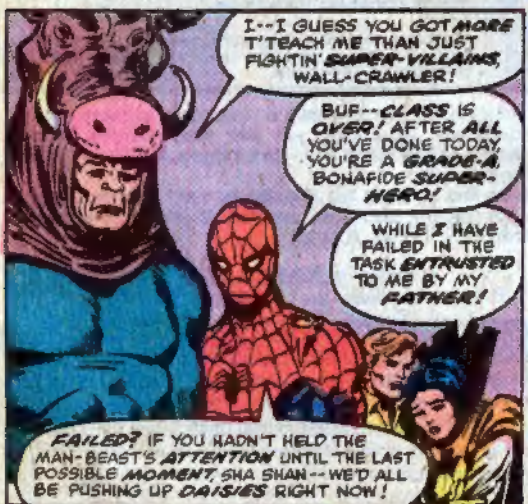
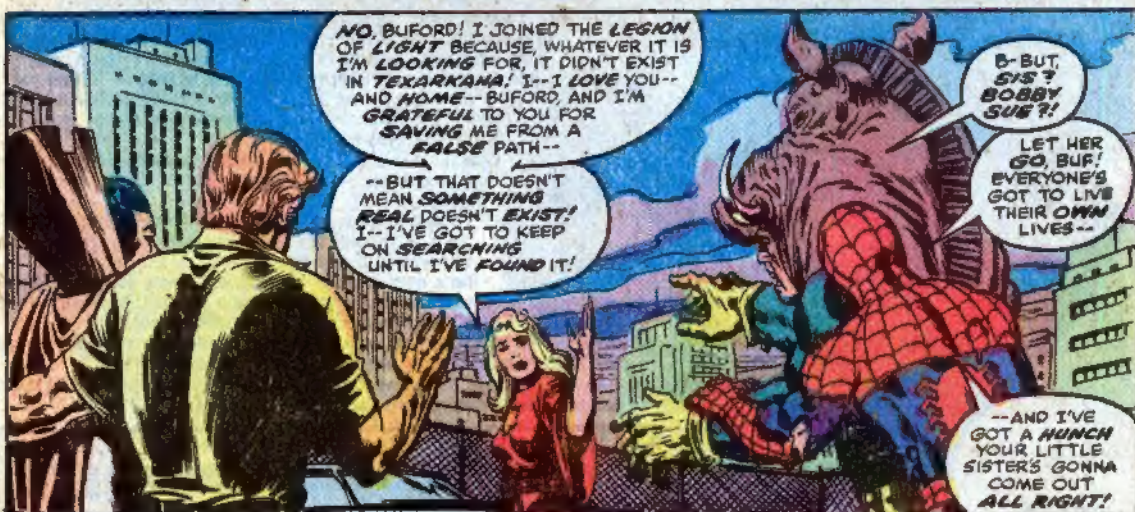
NO ONE WILL BOAST
OF THEIR ROLES THIS
DAY--

--AND THE
SOONER IT IS
FORGOTTEN...
THE BETTER!

ALL OF THIS--
FOR WHAT?
I AIN'T EVEN
FOUND MY
SISTER--
BOBBY SUE!

I SAW
HER LAST
NEAR WHERE I
LEFT SPIDGY
BURFORD! IT-- IT
WAS CLOSE TO
THE CENTER
OF THE
EXPLOSION!

THE WALL-CRAWLER
IS MISSIN', TOO?
LORD, WHAT A--



NEXT THE BEETLE AND THE BADGE!